

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-9 and 12.

Replace claims 10-11 as shown below. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment.

10. (AMENDED) A method for cashing a check presented by an individual at a gambling establishment, the method comprising:

providing a host computer containing an exclusion list database, wherein the exclusion list database stores a list of individuals to be excluded from the gambling establishment and at least one checking account identifier for each individual of the list of individuals;

receiving at a point of sale device of the gambling establishment a check presented by an individual for cashing;

scanning at the point of sale device of the gambling establishment magnetic ink character recognition (MICR) information of the check presented by the individual;

identifying a checking account identifier associated with the individual presenting the check based on the scanned MICR information of the presented check;

transmitting from the point of sale device the checking account identifier associated with the individual presenting the check to the host computer;

comparing the checking account identifier associated with the individual presenting the check with the at least one checking account identifier for each individual of the list of individuals stored in the exclusion list database to determine whether the individual presenting the check is an individual to be excluded from the gambling establishment, wherein the individual presenting the check is determined to be an individual to be excluded from the gambling establishment if the checking account identifier associated with the individual presenting the check matches a checking account identifier stored in the exclusion list database;

preventing the presented check from being cashed at the point of sale device of the gambling establishment if it is determined that the individual presenting the check is an individual to be excluded from the gambling establishment; and

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cashing the presented check at the point of sale device of the gambling establishment if it is determined that the individual presenting the check is not an individual to be excluded from the gambling establishment.

11. (AMENDED) The method of claim 10 wherein cashing the presented check includes using an additional check acceptance program.
